

 <p>Financial Assistance Award</p> <p>DENALI COMMISSION 510 L Street, Suite 410 Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (907) 271-1414 (phone) (907) 271-1415 (fax) www.denali.gov</p>		Award Number	01009-00		
		Award Title	Ninth International Conference on Permafrost		
		Performance Period	April 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008		
		Recipient Organization & Address			
Authority 112 Stat 1854	CFDA Number 90.100	U.S. Permafrost Association P.O. Box 750141 Fairbanks, AK 99775-0141 Phone: (907) 322-3008 Recipient DUNS # 808044155 TIN # 920176220			
Denali Commission Finance Officer Certification Jennifer Price 08/06/2008					
Cost Share Distribution Table					
Accounting Code	New Funding		Prior Period Funding		Total
	Denali Commission	Other Contributors	Denali Commission	Other Contributors	
95670000AL	\$5,000.00		\$0.00		\$5,000.00
	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
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		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
This Financial Assistance Award approved by the Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission constitutes an obligation of federal funding.					
<p>The Denali Commission (Commission) is providing a total of \$5,000 to the U.S. Permafrost Association (USPA) for sponsorship of the Ninth International Conference on Permafrost to be held at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Alaska June 29 - July 3, 2008. The conference theme is "Permafrost on a Warming Planet: Impacts on Ecosystems, Infrastructure and Climate."</p> <p>The conference marks the 25th anniversary of the previous international permafrost conference that was held in Fairbanks in 1983 and the formation of the International Permafrost Association (IPA). The conference will also commemorate the 125th anniversary of the First International Polar Year (IPA) and the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY). Between 700 to 900 scientists and engineers are expected to attend from over 30 different countries.</p> <p>The conference will facilitate construction of sustainable infrastructure in rural Alaska, to enhance the health and safety of rural residents and to provide the underpinnings for economic opportunity which will include design considerations for permafrost. Additionally, the science and engineering of previous gatherings have yielded improved designs for the extended and usable life of buildings, roads, and other structures and will do so again this year.</p>					
Signature of Authorized Official - Denali Commission Electronically Signed		Typed Name and Title George Cannelos Federal Co-Chair		Date 08/04/2008	

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SCOPE OF WORK

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Commission funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the Conference will provide some of the following:

- Support of proceedings publication and CD-Rom presentations
- 25th Anniversary activities and publication
- Selected field trip activities

Sponsorship of these events will further the Commission mission in arctic infrastructure development. Benefits to the Commission include:

- Recognition in print publications and verbal recognition during the conference
- Listing on webpage
- Full registration for two Commission attendees at the conference
- An opportunity by the Commission to announce/discuss our ten year anniversary both through print mediums and speaking opportunities
- List of the conference attendees with contact information

Commission funds for sponsorship can be used for: event space and equipment rentals for the actual event, event costs including video, audio, and sound system rentals/services, travel of conference attendees (travel does not include food costs), event brochure printing or other event media needed for attendees. All activities that involve the work of consultants or contractors must be procured through fair and open procurement processes, in keeping with the federal circulars in order to be eligible Commission costs. Commission funds cannot be used for food or beverage of any kind, gifts, per diem of attendees or wages/salaries. Any questions regarding acceptable uses of funds should be directed to the Commission program manager.

All Commission funding is intended for use for the scope of work identified in the Award document only. Any balance of funds remaining after the full scope of work has been completed will be returned to the Commission.

MILESTONES

1. The following milestones are identified as the major steps to be completed as part of the project. "Planned" dates for the first milestone are included here. As part of each progress report, USPA will

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update the progress toward meeting these milestones (see section 7, Reporting).

Milestone	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Actual Start Date	Actual End Date	Units	Total Cost at Completion
In-Progress	04/01/2008	12/31/2008				\$0.00
Project Closeout	01/01/2009	03/31/2009				\$0.00

AWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD

1. The Award performance period is April 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. This is the period during which Award recipients can incur obligations or costs against this Award.

DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS

1. The cost principles of OMB Circular A-122 are applicable to this Award. No indirect costs are allowable under this award. Please refer to the cost principles regulations for specific details on other allowable charges under this Award.

BUDGET AND PROGRAM REVISIONS

1. The Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 CFR Part 215 (formerly A-110), applies to this Award. Please refer to this circular for specific details on revisions to this Award. The circular requires the USPA to inform the Commission in writing at the earliest possible date of any unanticipated project cost overruns, project schedule delays, or changes in the project scope or changed site conditions.

PAYMENTS

1. Payments under this Award will be made by electronic funds transfer in response to an invoice submitted by the USPA. Requests for reimbursement may be made when funds are incurred or expended and should be submitted no later than 30 days after the expenditures are made. The invoice must be submitted to the Commission via fax, e-mail (finance@denali.gov) or mail in order for payment to be processed. Payment shall be made in accordance with 2 CFR Part 215. Please contact the Commission's Finance Specialist at (907) 271-1414 for further information about payment. **No interest will be accrued on these funds.**

PROJECT/AWARD CLOSE-OUT

1. The project close-out report shall be completed within 90 days of the end of the Award performance period or within 90 days of the completion of the project, whichever is earlier. Recipients must also draw down any remaining funds for expenditures incurred under this award during this 90-day period.

The project close-out report shall be submitted on-line through the Commission's on-line Project Database System, available at www.denali.gov. The project close out will require the recipient to submit the following information:

- a. Final data for each item listed in the Reporting Section, paragraph (a) "Progress Reports."

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b. Final project expenditures itemized by the following categories: planning & design; materials & equipment; freight; labor; project administration/overhead; and other expenses.

c. Acknowledgement of support: For all non-construction projects, the Award recipient shall include an acknowledgement of the Government's support for the project(s) developed under this Award. The format for acknowledgement of the Government's support for non-construction awards will vary with each award and must be agreed upon between the Award recipient and the Commission Project Manager. Acknowledgements are specified in the scope of work above. Costs associated with this requirement shall be paid out of the project funding received by the Award recipient from the Commission.

PUBLIC POLICY LAWS AND ASSURANCES

1. Award recipients are required to comply with the public policy laws and assurances on Standard Form SF 424b (non-construction projects). Some of the laws are highlighted below for your reference.

To the maximum extent practicable, considering applicable laws, Funding Recipients shall accomplish the project contemplated by the Award using local Alaska firms and labor.

No portion of this award may be used for lobbying or propaganda purposes as prohibited by 18 U.S.C. Section 1913 or Section 607(a) of Public Law 96-74.

Project level environmental reviews in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be prepared as part of project design for Commission approval.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH AWARD CONDITIONS

1. Recipients not in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Financial Assistance Award will be notified by the Commission. The Commission will work with the recipient to identify the steps necessary to bring them back into compliance, and will establish an appropriate time frame for the corrections to be made. If the corrections have not been made by the deadline, the Commission reserves the right to either suspend or unilaterally terminate the Financial Assistance Award for non-performance.

CONTACTS

1. For assistance on program issues please contact:
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